Friday, October 28 to Thursday, November 3

- Busiest Day of Week: Thursday — 97 events
- Busiest Hour of Day: 10:00 PM: — 49 events
- Total # of Events: 594
- Average Events/Day: 84.86
- Average Events/ Hour: 3.54
- Average Traffic Stops: .65 per hour
- DWI for the week: 1

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Winter Parking—

Old man winter is just around the corner and at the police department that means one thing, the winter parking ordinance is about to take effect. Beginning November 15, 2011 and running through March 31, 2012 the ordinance will be in effect. Unlike in some other communities, the City of Owatonna winter parking ordinance is not a snow emergency ordinance, meaning the ordinance is in effect at all times during this time period whether or not there is snow on the ground or a significant snow fall. What does this mean for you if you park your vehicle on a city street and how can you avoid being ticketed and/or towed?

No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle on any street in the City on any day between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 12:00 o’clock noon from November 15th through March 31st, except as hereinafter provided:

- On even-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the near side of the street adjacent to lots and houses which have been assigned even numbers.
- On odd-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the near side of the street adjacent to lots and houses which have been assigned odd numbers.

This subdivision does not apply to any street where parking is limited to one side, to any cul-de-sac which has combined even and odd house numbers, nor to any street which has more restrictive parking requirements.

This subdivision does not apply to street parking within a two block radius of duly constituted churches for regularly scheduled weekend services, holiday services, funerals, and weddings. Street parking is allowed one hour prior and one hour after the scheduled service times.

Fresh Face—

On November 4th, a new law enforcement career will begin as Brady Prince will be working his first day as an Owatonna Police Officer. Brady comes to us from the Brainerd/Baxter area where he grew up. He went to college at Minnesota State University-Mankato where he graduated with a degrees in law enforcement and finance. He is a former intern with the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office, working boat and water patrol duties. He most recently worked as a police reserve officer with the Mankato Department of Public Safety. Brady and his wife are residing in Owatonna. Welcome aboard Brady and we hope you have a long, successful career with the department!

Unsolicited Overture Leads to Arrest—

On October 22nd, Owatonna officers were sent to the 5 O’clock Somewhere Bar for the report of a male party exposing himself. The investigation reveal an intoxicated male subject approached a female patron in the bar and offered to buy her a drink. The female declined the offer and the male responded by becoming belligerent toward her and then pulled his pants down to expose himself. Officers located the male party on scene; as they began their investigation he became non-compliant by blowing cigarettes smoke in their faces, yelling and swearing. As the officers were placing the him under arrest, a second male became involved and was interfering with the officers’ arrest; he was also placed under arrest. Tyler S. Grunwald, age 23, was charged by citation with Indecent Exposure, Obstructing the Legal Process, Disorderly Conduct and Tumultuous Conduct. Zachary V. Radke, age 21, was charged by citation with Obstructing the Legal Process and Tumultuous Conduct. Both Grunwald and Radke were remanded to the custody of the Steele County Detention Center.

DON’T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR

Common items taken include car stereos, CDs, cellular phones, radar detectors, expensive sunglasses, briefcases or gym bags, "laptops," tools, purses, checkbooks, credit cards, garage door openers and even small amounts of change. Keep your valuables in one bag so they can be easily brought with you. Lock your car. If you can afford a car alarm system, get one and use it. Park under a street light or where the car may easily be seen.

Police patrol alone will not prevent not this crime. Practice the crime prevention strategies listed above to minimize your chances of being a victim.

Call 911 to report suspicious people or activities. Trust your instincts. 911 is the best number to call for Police, Fire and Ambulance Services.